

Obituaries



Jewell Parsons

Jewell Parsons, 89, of Rt. 3, Brodhead, died Wednesday, May 16, 2001 at Sower Nursing Home in Brodhead. She was born October 17, 1911 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of Willis and Ida Mae Berry Chastain. She was a member of the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, the Retired Teachers Association, Mt. Vernon High School Alumni Association, Rockcastle County Library Board and taught for 40 years in the Rockcastle County School System.

Survivors are one daughter, Nell Wanda Craig and husband, Galiff of Rt. 3, Brodhead; one brother, Willis Arnold Chastain of Dayton, Ohio; three grandchildren, Dana Stanford and husband, Dave, Patrick Craig and wife, Ann and Christopher Craig and wife, Mary Lee and four great grandchildren, Angelica Craig, McKenzie Craig, Christian J. Stanford and Duncan Stanford. She was preceded in death by her husband, Monroe "Rody" Parsons and three sisters, Vera Wolfe, Mabel Lawson and Mildred Smith.

Services were Sunday, May 20 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Danny McKibben officiating. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Roger Parsons, David Parsons, Billy Hiatt, Jackie Hiatt and Kenneth Stewart. Honorary bearer was Ballard Parsons.



"Less" McGuire

Archie Ulysses "Less" McGuire, 65, of Stanford, died Tuesday, May 22, 2001, at the Fort Logan Hospital in Stanford after having complications from a heart ailment. He was the husband of Helen York McGuire, whom he married March 28, 1963. He was born on September 30, 1935 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Lewis and Flora Bell Baker McGuire. He was a farmer and a member of Valley Baptist Church of Copper Creek.

Survivors are his wife, Helen York McGuire of Crab Orchard; three daughters, Phyllis Ann and husband, Roger Linville, Vickie Lynn and husband, Jerry Pottery and Melissa Gail McGuire, all of Crab Orchard; three brothers, Kenneth, Wilburn and Arnold McGuire, all of Crab Orchard; three sisters, Ruth Creech of Lancaster, Helen Noel and Annaleen Holman, both of Crab Orchard and two grandchildren, Katie and Josh Linville of Crab Orchard. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by a sister, Linda Lou McGuire.

Services will be Thursday, May 24, at 2:00 p.m. at the McKnight-Martin Funeral Home Chapel in Crab Orchard with Bro. David Sargent and Bro. Arnold Pingleton officiating. Burial will follow in the Baker Cemetery at Copper Creek.

Active pallbearers will be Ricky and Ronnie Holman, Darwin McGuire, Anthony Noel, Bobby Creech, Mike and Kenny McGuire. Honorary pallbearers will be Billy Owens, Matt Robbins and Kenny Wayne Creech.

Birta Fish

Birta Mae Fish, 70, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, May 19, 2001 at Lake Cumberland Regional Medical Center in Somerset. She was born April 5, 1931 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of John and Fannie Vance McClure. She had been a homemaker and was a member of the Blue Springs Church of Christ.

Survivors are a daughter, Yvonne Marler of Atlanta, Georgia; three brothers, Zade McClure, Shirley McClure and Delno McClure, all of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Etta Evans of Carthage, Ohio and Bernice Rice of Livingston and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Fish; one son, John Osborne; one sister, Freda Phelps and a brother, Sherman McClure.

Services were Tuesday, May 22, at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Doug Hawkins officiating. Burial was in the High Dry Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Roger Evans, Dale McClure, Dean McClure, Carlos McClure, Ronald McClure and John Phelps.

"Thomas" Thompson

Edward V. "Thomas" Thompson, 77, of Brodhead, died Thursday, May 17, 2001 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born in Louisville, on February 14, 1924, the son of Edward and Lucille Bopp Thompson.

Survivors are a brother, Bert Thompson and wife, Ardella of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Mary and Bob Hayes of Berea and Alice Costa Ellis of Big Hill and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine Mary Thompson; two sisters and a brother.

Graveside services were Monday, May 21 in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Ben Belcher

Ben T. Belcher, 74 of 140 Berenwood Drive, Berea, died Monday, May 21, 2001 at the Berea Hospital. He was born on September 29, 1926 in Harlan County, the son of the late Whit and Ruby Todd Belcher. He was a veteran of WWII and a member of the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ.

Survivors are his wife, Loretta Owens Belcher of Berea; one step son, John L. Mink and wife, Marilyn of Brodhead; one step daughter, Jeannie West and husband, Ralph of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Cynthia Harrison of Louisville and Edna Faye Howell and husband, Leonard of Somerset; eight step grandchildren, Sheila Owens, Shirley Scalp, Bentley Martin, Jr., Jeanette Wheat, David Martin, Wendy West, Joe Mink and Betsy Shaffer; seven step great grandchildren, Brittany Scafe, Zachary Stephens, Jonathan Scafe, William Wheat, Shannon Joe Mink, Marcus Scafe and Kimberly Wheat and one step great grandchild.

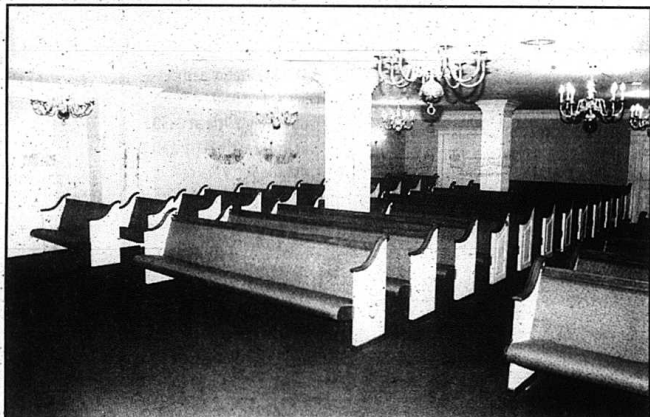
Services will be Thursday, May 24, at 1:00 p.m. at the Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Ova Baker officiating. Burial will follow in the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

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